





Application Process

Overview

The purpose of this application is to provide subsidies in the form of grants for the rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing for low and moderate-income people. Through this program, IHCDA seeks to improve the quality of existing housing stock in Indiana.

This program is designed to give preference in allocating Community Development Block Grant Owner-Occupied Repair (CDBG OOR) funding among selected developments that meet IHCDA's goals:

- 1. Demonstrate they are meeting the needs of their specific community.
- 2. Attempt to reach low and very low-income levels of area median income.
- 3. Are ready to proceed with the activity upon receipt of the award.
- 4. Revitalize existing neighborhoods, preferably with a comprehensive approach as part of a published community revitalization plan.
- 5. Propose projects that promote aging in place strategies for seniors, families with seniors, and persons with disabilities.
- 6. Propose projects that promote healthy family strategies for families with children under the age of 18.
- 7. Propose projects that are energy-efficient and are of the highest quality attainable within a reasonable cost structure.

In addition, IHCDA encourages the use of Minority Business Enterprise and/or Women-Owned Business Enterprise and Indiana contractors, employees, and products when planning their housing activities.

Funding Round Timelines

Note: This is an anticipated schedule and is subject to change or be extended.

Round 1

Application Webinar	May 2013
Application Due Date	June 28, 2013
Award Announcements	August 22, 2013
Award Workshop	September 2013

Round 2

Application Webinar	January 2014
Application Due Date	March 7, 2014
Award Announcements	April 24, 2014
Award Workshop	May 2014

Application Webinar

An application webinar will be held prior to each application deadline. During the webinar, IHCDA Production Department staff will review the requirements of the CDBG OOR program, threshold and scoring criteria, how to complete the required forms and how to utilize the FTP site. Local Units of Government and Not-for-Profit entities intending to apply are *required* to attend.







Technical Assistance

The applicant may, but is not required, to schedule a technical assistance meeting with the regional IHCDA Real Estate Production Analyst to discuss both the proposed development and IHCDA's application process. Applicants are urged to contact IHDCA early in the planning process to obtain guidance and technical assistance.

Application Submission

The applicant must submit the following items to the Real Estate Department Coordinator:

- Via FTP site:
 - One completed copy of the final application forms
 - All supporting documents required in the tabs
- Via hard copy:
 - One completed copy of the final application forms with original signatures

All required application items are due no later than 5:00 p.m. Indianapolis time on or before the due date. Applications received after the deadline will be returned to the applicant via certified mail. Faxed applications will not be accepted.

Instructions on how to utilize the FTP site will be explained during the Application Webinar. The hard copy of the final application forms should be sent to:

Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority
ATTN: Real Estate Department Coordinator
RE: CDBG OOR Application
30 South Meridian Street, Suite 1000
Indianapolis, IN 46204

All applicants must retain a copy of this application package. Applicants that receive funding will be bound by the information contained herein.

IHCDA will provide the applicant contact with a confirmation number within one (1) week of receipt of the application.

Application Review

Each application must address only one project. Applications are reviewed in a three-step process:

<u>Step One</u> - Completeness On or before the application deadline, the applicant must provide

all required documents, signatures and attachments.

<u>Step Two</u> - Threshold The application must meet each of the applicable threshold criteria.

After initial threshold review, IHDCA staff may contact an applicant to request clarification of information contained in the pending application. The applicant will have the opportunity to respond on or before the due date provided by IHCDA. If the applicant does not respond to the clarification letter and therefore threshold item(s) are still in question, the application will be disqualified. Applications







may have no more than three outstanding clarifications after the second review or the application will be disqualified. Points will be awarded to those applications where no clarifications are required.

Step Three - Scoring

Applications that pass the completeness and threshold reviews are then scored according to IHCDA's published scoring criteria.

Funded applications will be announced at the published IHCDA Board Meeting date. Confirmation letters and score sheets will be uploaded to the FTP site by the close of business on the day of the Board Meeting. Unfunded applications will be notified via a denial letter and score sheets uploaded to the FTP site by the close of business on the day of the Board Meeting.

Compliance Manual

The Compliance Manual outlines the requirements for administering IHCDA's CDBG awards. A complete copy of the Compliance Manual is available on IHCDA's website.

Award Trainings

IHCDA will offer a training to explain the various aspects of the regulatory requirements for award administration. Topics covered will include funds management, required record keeping, and forms and reports that must be submitted to IHCDA. In addition, IHCDA staff will be available to provide one-on-one award trainings upon request. All new applicants and those that have had difficulty administering awards in the past are strongly encouraged to take advantage of these trainings.

Unfunded Applications

Unfunded applications will be notified via a denial letter and score sheets uploaded to the FTP site by the close of business on the day of the Board Meeting. Applications not funded will not be rolled over into the next funding round.







Eligible Applicants

CDBG OOR Funds

Eligible applicants include cities, towns, or counties that are located within Indiana but outside of CDBG entitlement communities and whose proposed activities are consistent with the State's HUD-approved Consolidated Plan. Not-for-profit 501(c)3 or 501(c)4 organizations, CHDOs, public housing authorities, regional planning commissions, or townships are encouraged to participate in activities as subrecipients of local units of government but must apply through a sponsoring eligible city, town, or county.

The following entitlement communities are not eligible to apply for CDBG funds:

Anderson	East Chicago	Gary	Indianapolis**	LaPorte	New Albany
Bloomington	Elkhart	Goshen	Kokomo	Michigan City	South Bend
Carmel	Evansville	Hamilton County*	Lafayette	Mishawaka	Terre Haute
Columbus	Fort Wayne	Hammond	Lake County	Muncie	West Lafayette

^{*}The Town of Sheridan is excluded when the housing activity is outside of Hamilton County.

CDBG Disaster OOR Funds

Eligible applicants include not-for-profit 501(c)3 or 501(c)4 organizations, cities, towns, or counties that are located in Indiana, whose proposed activities are consistent with the State's HUD-approved Consolidated Plan and are <u>NOT</u> located in the one of the following ineligible CDBG Disaster (CDBG-D) counties:

Blackford	Clinton	Delaware	Howard	Lagrange
Miami	Steuben	Tipton	Warren	Wells

Religious and Faith-Based Organizations

Organizations that are religious or faith-based are eligible to participate in the CDBG programs on the same basis as any other organization. Organizations that are directly funded under the CDBG program may not engage in inherently religious activities, such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization, as part of the assistance. If an organization conducts such activities, the activities must be offered separately, in time or location, from the assistance funded under this part, and participation must be voluntary for the beneficiaries of the assistance provided.

A religious organization that participates in the CDBG program will retain its independence from Federal, State, and local governments, and may continue to carry out its mission, including the definition, practice, and expression of its religious beliefs, provided that it does not use direct CDBG funds to support any inherently religious activities, such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization. Among other things, faith-based organizations may use space in their facilities, without removing religious art, icons, scriptures, or other religious symbols. In addition, a CDBG-funded religious organization retains its authority over its internal governance, and it may retain religious terms in its organization's name, select its board members on a religious basis, and include religious references in its



^{**}Excluding the Marion County Cities of Beech Grove, Lawrence, Speedway, and Southport. The Town of Cumberland is excluded when the housing activity is outside of Marion County.







organization's mission statements and other governing documents. An organization that participates in the CDBG program shall not, in providing program assistance, discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion or religious belief.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	Cities, Town, and Counties (Non-CDBG Entitlement Community	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)	501(c)3 and 501(c)4 Not-for- Profit Organizations	Joint Venture Partnerships	For Profit Entities organized under the State of Indiana
Migrant/Seasonal Farm Worker Housing Rehabilitation/New Construction	X				
Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Community Development Block Grant Disaster (CDBG-D)	*				
Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation	X		х		

IHCDA reserves the right to disqualify from funding any application where the applicant, subrecipient, administrator, preparer or any of their related parties has a history of disregarding the policies, procedures, or staff directives associated with administering any IHCDA program or programs of other State, Federal, or affordable housing entities, such as, but not limited to the Indiana Office of Rural Affairs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), U.S. Department of Agriculture - Rural Development, or Federal Home Loan Bank.







Eligible Activities & Program Requirements

Eligible Activities

This program is intended to have a long-term impact on the availability and quality of the affordable housing stock in Indiana.

- Rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing.
 - Eligible homeowner beneficiaries include any single-family owner-occupied property.
 - The value of the property cannot exceed the 203(b) Mortgage Limits.
 - The property cannot be located in an 100-year flood plain.
 - Eligible repairs include:
 - Minor repairs which can include inoperable or faulty furnace, leaking roof, unsafe electrical wiring and plumbing, hazardous structural conditions, etc.
 - Any major household system repaired or replaced as part of the rehabilitation process must meet the stricter of the Indiana State Building Code or local building codes.
 - Funds may be used to remedy conditions that, while not posing an immediate threat to health and safety, represent an ongoing threat to the structural integrity of a building and may eventually result in an emergency situation.
- Rehabilitation of owner-occupied manufactured homes. Manufactured homes are eligible if they meet IHCDA's Manufactured Housing Policy or if rehabilitation will bring the unit up to these standards:
 - A single dwelling unit designed and built in a factory, installed as a permanent residence, which bears a seal certifying that it was built in compliance with the Federal Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards law and which also complies with the following specifications:
 - Shall have been constructed after January 1, 1981, and must exceed nine hundred fifty (950) square feet of occupied space per I.C. 36-7-4-1106 (d);
 - Is attached to a permanent foundation of masonry construction and has a permanent perimeter enclosure constructed in accordance with the One and Two Family Dwelling Code;
 - Has wheels, axles and towing chassis removed;
 - Has a pitched roof;
 - Consists of two (2) or more sections which, when joined, have a minimum dimension of 20' X 47.5' enclosing occupied space; and
 - Is located on land held by the beneficiary in fee-simple title, recorded land sale contract, or 99-year leasehold and is the principal residence of the beneficiary.
 - All other manufactured or mobile homes that do not meet the aforementioned criteria are ineligible to receive rehabilitation assistance funded by IHCDA.

Ineligible Activities

Eligible housing activities **do not** include:

- Creation of secondary housing attached to a primary unit;
- Acquisition, rehabilitation, or construction of nursing homes, convalescent homes, hospitals, residential treatment facilities, correctional facilities, or student dormitories;
- The provision of project-based tenant rental assistance;
- Rehabilitation of mobile homes;







- Acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction located within the boundaries of a one hundred (100)-year floodplain;
- Rehabilitation of multi-family or single-family rental housing.

IHCDA does not fund:

- Requests from individuals, political, social, or fraternal organizations;
- Endowments, special events, arts, or international projects;
- Scholarships requested by individuals;
- Institutions that discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity in policy or in practice;
- Projects in furtherance of sectarian religious activities, impermissible lobbying, legislative or political activities;
- Medical research or medical profit-making enterprises.

OOR Program Requirements

The proposed CDBG OOR project must follow these minimum requirements to be eligible for funding. For further details on each requirement, please see IHCDA's Compliance Manual. The link and the appropriate chapter are included.

- Recipients must comply with all regulatory requirements listed in <u>24 CFR Part 570</u>.
- The homeowner beneficiary must be income eligible. Each household must have an annual income equal to or less than 80% of the area median family income for the target area. The Section 8 definition of household income applies. (IHCDA <u>Compliance Manual</u>, Income Verification Chapter)
- Income verification is valid for a period of six months. If more than six months pass between
 income verification and contract execution/purchase agreement, a new income verification will
 be completed. (IHCDA <u>Compliance Manual</u>, Income Verification Chapter)
- The homeowner beneficiary must own the property and must occupy the property as a principal residence. (IHCDA <u>Compliance Manual</u>, Policy Requirements)
 - If there is a long-term lease agreement on the property, a 99-year lease must be recorded in the county recorder's office of the county in which the property is located prior to award document preparation.
 - Ownership does not include life estates and land contracts/contracts for deeds.
- All IHCDA-assisted units must be inspected twice during the award period. The first inspection
 will occur at the completion of the documented scope of work and prior to the IHCDA
 Inspector's final physical inspection. The second inspection will be conducted upon completion
 of the construction for the award. The IHCDA Inspector will conduct the physical inspections.
 (IHCDA Compliance Manual, Construction Standards & Physical Inspections Chapter)
- Provide a minimum of two (2) public hearings, each at a different stage of the process, for the purpose of obtaining citizens' input and responding to proposals and questions. (IHCDA <u>Compliance Manual</u>, Policy Requirements)
- The match/leverage requirement for both the CDBG and CDBG-D programs is ten percent (10%)
 of the total amount of CDBG or CDBG-D funds drawn minus administration costs. (IHCDA
 <u>Compliance Manual</u>, Policy Requirements)
- All applicants are required to complete the environmental review record (ERR) and submit it
 with application submission as an application Threshold item. The resulting IHCDA Release of
 Funds is required before fully executed award documents are released and before proceeding







- with the project. (IHCDA <u>Compliance Manual</u>, Environmental Review Chapter). For more information, contact Adrienne Schmetzer, IHCDA Design and Construction Review Manager.
- Award recipients will be required to provide proof of adequate builder's risk insurance, property
 insurance, and/or contractor liability insurance during construction and property insurance
 following construction for the assisted property throughout the affordability period of the
 award. Additionally, owner-occupied rehabilitation must also stipulate that adequate property
 insurance be maintained throughout the affordability period. (IHCDA <u>Compliance Manual</u>,
 Procurement Procedures Chapter)
- Recipients of a CDBG award must follow competitive procurement procedures for all costs intended to be reimbursed by the award. (IHCDA <u>Compliance Manual</u>, Procurement Procedures Chapter)
- Each recipient of a CDBG award is subject to the HUD requirements of addressing lead-based paint hazards pursuant to 24 CFR Part 35. If a risk assessment is required, then all lead-based paint issues must be addressed. (IHCDA Compliance Manual, Lead Based Paint Chapter)
- Each recipient of a CDBG award is subject to the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Act.
 See the IHCDA's <u>Compliance Manual</u> chapter on URA for guidance on the regulatory requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (URA), as amended, the Federal regulations at <u>49 CFR Part 24</u>, and the requirements of <u>Section 104(d) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.</u>
- Every recipient must demonstrate that it will complete an action to affirmatively further fair housing during the time frame of an award. (IHCDA <u>Compliance Manual</u>, Fair Housing and Civil Rights Chapter)
- All CDBG and CDBG-D subsidies must be secured throughout the affordability period by a
 recorded lien and restrictive covenant agreement created by IHCDA. The affordability period
 begins after project completion. During the affordability period the home must remain the
 owner's principal place of residency; and the homeowner is required to maintain adequate
 homeowner insurance on the property. (IHCDA <u>Compliance Manual</u>, Lien and Restrictive
 Covenants & Affordability Requirements Chapter)

Amount of CDBG or CDBG-D subsidy per unit:	Affordability Period
Under \$5,000	1 year
\$5,000 - \$10,000	2 years
Over \$10,000.01	3 years

If the homeowner sells the property another a low-income family that will use the property as its principal residence throughout the remainder of the affordability period, the homeowner will not be required to repay the funds. The term "low income family" shall mean a family whose gross annual income does not exceed eighty percent (80%) of the median family income for the geographic area published annually by HUD. The purchasing family should pay no more than twenty-nine percent (29%) of its gross family income towards the principal, interest, taxes, and insurance for the property on a monthly basis. The homeowner selling the property will be allowed to receive a fair return on investment, which will include the homeowner's investment and any capital improvements made to the property. The award recipient must execute a lien and restrictive covenant prepared by IHCDA. The award recipient is ultimately responsible for repaying IHCDA any CDBG or CDBG-D funds invested into any unit that does not meet the affordability requirements throughout the Affordability Period. The Affordability Period is based upon the total amount of CDBG or CDBG-D funds invested into the unit.







Subsidy Limitations & Eligible Activity Costs

Subsidy & Budget Limitations

The maximum request amount per application is \$350,000.

CDBG and CDBG-D funds for rehabilitation, relocation, and program delivery combined may not exceed \$25,000 per unit.

Combined CDBG and CDBG-D funds budgeted for program delivery, award administration, and environmental review cannot exceed twenty percent (20%) of the CDBG award.

Eligible Activity Costs

The bolded items listed below are included in the application budget. If you have a question about which line item an expense goes under, contact your IHCDA Real Estate Production Analyst.

RETAINAGE POLICY - IHCDA will hold the final \$5,000.00 of an award until the completion reports, leverage documentation, and closeout documentation is received and approved. Additionally, IHCDA will hold the final \$5,000.00 of an award until the final monitoring has been completed and all findings and/or concerns have been resolved.

REHABILITATION – Eligible costs include:

- Hard costs associated with rehabilitation activities for owner-occupied repairs. Examples of eligible repairs are an inoperable or faulty furnace, leaking roof, unsafe electrical wiring and plumbing, hazardous structural conditions, etc.
- Lead-based paint interim controls and abatement costs.
- Mold remediation.
- Utility connections and related infrastructure costs off-site connections from the property line to the adjacent street are eligible when it is deemed a threat to health and safety. Improvements to infrastructure when there will be no rehabilitation work done on the actual house to be served.

DEMOLITION – Costs associated with the demolition and clearance of existing structures.

PROGRAM DELIVERY - Program delivery costs are those costs that can be directly tracked by address. They include soft costs and client-related costs that are reasonable and necessary for the implementation and completion of the proposed activity. This line item along with administration and environmental review cannot exceed twenty percent (20%) of the CDBG request. Recipients are allowed to draw down this line item as costs are incurred. Additionally, program delivery may be used to payoff a HOME CHDO Predevelopment or CHDO Seed Money loan but may not exceed the twenty percent (20%) line item cap.

Eligible costs include:

- Engineering/Architectural Plans
- Credit reports
- Client in-take / Income verification
- Plans, specifications, work write-ups
- Credit reports

- Title Searches
- Impact fees
- Inspections
- Cost estimates
- Building permits







- Recording fees
- Demolition permits

- Travel to and from the site
- Legal and accounting fees

RELOCATION - This includes relocation payments and other relocation assistance for permanently and/or temporarily relocated individuals, families, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and farm operations where assistance is required and appropriate. Relocation payments include replacement housing payments, payments for moving expenses, and payments for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses for temporary relocation purposes. For additional information on relocation and displacement, please refer to the information provided in the IHCDA's Compliance Manual.

LEAD HAZARD TESTING – Costs associated with lead hazard testing includes Risk Assessment, Clearance Test, etc. The limits for this line item are \$1000.00 per unit.

ADMINISTRATION - The administration line item includes those costs directly related to administering the IHCDA award and complying with the regulations associated with these funds. This line item along with program delivery and environmental review cannot exceed twenty percent (20%) of the CDBG request and generally is between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Recipients are allowed to draw down this line item as costs are incurred. Costs associated with preparing an application for funding through IHCDA are not eligible for reimbursement through a CDBG award.

Eligible costs include:

- Postage
- Office materials and supplies
- Photocopying
- Office rent and utilities
- Travel related to the housing activitiy
- Communication costs
- Lead based paint training

- Staff time or professional services related to reporting, compliance, monitoring, or financial management
- Training related to the housing activity

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW – This line item includes expenses associated with the Environmental Review Release of Funds process. This does not refer to a Phase I Environmental Assessment. Those expenses should be included in the Program Delivery line item. This line item along with program delivery and administration cannot exceed twenty percent (20%) of the CDBG request. Eligible costs for this line item are generally between \$2,000 and \$5,000 and include professional services, publication costs, photocopying, and postage. For further information regarding this activity, please read the Environmental Review Guide found in Chapter 11 of the IHCDA Compliance Manual or contact Adrienne Schmetzer, IHCDA Design and Construction Review Manager.

Ineligible Activity Costs

Commercial development costs - All costs associated with the construction or rehabilitation of space
within a development that will be used for non-residential purposes such as offices or other
commercial uses. This does not include the common area used by tenants of rental property or the
leasing office of the apartment manager. CDBG awards cannot be used to underwrite any portion of
commercial development costs. The expenses incurred and income to be generated from
commercial space must be reported in a separate "Annual Expense Information" sheet and fifteen
(15)-year proforma.







- Replacement Reserves Funds used to initially capitalize a reserve fund used for major capital
 repairs to a permanent supportive or rental housing facility. These funds cannot be applied to a
 CDBG award. These funds can be capitalized either through operating cash flow or through the
 development budget on the Uses of Funds exhibit.
- Operating Reserves Funds used to initially capitalize a reserve fund that covers operating expenses
 when there are rental income shortfalls over the life of a permanent supportive or rental
 development. This line item <u>must be</u> included on the Uses of Funds exhibit. These funds cannot be
 applied to a CDBG award.
- Developer's Fee CDBG funds cannot be used to pay developer's fees.
- Costs associated with preparing an application for funding through IHCDA.
- Purchase or installation of luxury items, such as swimming pools or hot tubs.
- Purchase or installation of equipment, furnishings, tools, or other personal property that is not an integral structural feature, such as window air conditioner units or washers and dryers.
- Purchase or installation of stoves, refrigerators, built-in dishwashers, garbage disposals, and permanently installed individual unit air conditioners.
- Providing tenant based rental assistance.
- Mortgage default/delinquency correction or avoidance.
- Loan guarantees.
- Annual contributions for operation of public housing.
- Costs associated with any financial audit of the recipient.







Completeness & Threshold Criteria

Each proposed project must satisfy the Federal requirements of the CDBG program and any additional requirements established by IHCDA. To be considered for funding, an applicant must meet all of the criteria listed below.

Completeness

- Timeliness All documentation must be turned in by the application due date.
 - On or before the application deadline, the applicant must provide all documentation as instructed in this Application Process Handbook as well as required documentation listed in the CDBG Application Form.
 - If IHCDA requests additional information from the applicant, all requests are due on or before the date provided by IHCDA staff.
 - Any forms that are late will be denied review and will be sent back to the applicant.
- Responsiveness All questions must be answered and all supporting documentation must be provided.
 - The applicant must provide all documentation as instructed in this Application Process Handbook as well as required documentation listed in the CDBG Application Forms.
 - The applicant must provide all documentation as requested (i.e. uploaded or hard copies, labeled correctly, etc.)
 - Required signatures must be originally signed.

Completeness Checklist	Y or N
Is every question answered?	
Are all required signature pages signed?	
Was the Application Form uploaded to the FTP site by the due date?	
Are all required Tab Attachments uploaded to the FTP site by the due date?	
Was a hard copy of the Application Form with original signatures sent to IHCDA by the due date?	







Threshold Guidance & Checklist

Items that MUST be submitted as part of Threshold Review are indicated in italics. After initial threshold review, IHCDA staff may contact the applicant for further clarification of an item. Failure to respond to the requested clarification items by the due date and in the manner requested will result in application denial.

TAD	DESCRIPTION	INCLUDED AS ATTACHMENT?
TAB Applica	DESCRIPTION tion Cover Page	Y or N or NA
	The Applicant must maintain System for Award Management ("SAM"), formerly Central Contractor Registration ("CCR"). www.sam.gov	
А	Provide proof of SAM registration and/or status.	
Applica	tion Summary	
	If the proposed project previously received funding directly from HUD or Rural Development, the applicant must send a notification letter to the appropriate HUD or Rural Development office.	
В	Provide copy of the letter along with proof of sending.	
	If applicant is a Not-for-Profit organization, a letter of notification of the proposed project should be sent to the highest elected official in the project area's Local Unit of Government.	
С	Provide a copy of the letter along with proof of sending.	
	Not-for-Profit applicants, subrecipients, and administrators organized under the State of Indiana must provide proof of organization and that they are in good standing.	
D	Submit a copy of the Certificate of existence from the Indiana Secretary of State that is no more than six months old.	
	Map - The project area is the geographic area in which a potential housing project may take place. Depending on how urban or rural the surroundings, it might be as small as a neighborhood or as large as a county.	
E	Submit a scaled map that includes the project area boundaries and the specific OOR sites with a map key labeling the site addresses. If the project is in multiple counties, please submit a labeled county map for each county that includes the specific OOR sites with a map key labeling the site addresses. Attach in Tab E.	
	Environmental Review Record – Please refer to the Environmental Review Guide for specific details on completing the ERR.	
F	Submit the completed ERR forms, the original publisher's affidavit, flood determinations, site specific photographs and a OOR Priority Checklist (if available) for each identified home.	







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Project	Project Narrative						
	will sat rehabil describ	portant that the project is well planned and that the proposed project isfy a housing need in your area – i.e. the need for owner-occupied itation for a specific population. Address the following items when sing the project. You can also find these items on the application form ting your cursor over the narrative questions.					
	1)	Project Description: Describe the project concept, including the rationale for selecting the current project form, and details of the project including size, number of units, location, etc.					
	2)	Amenities in and around the project: Describe the amenities that the project will provide to beneficiaries along with amenities within close proximity to the project area that beneficiaries will benefit from.					
	3)	Area's needs the project will meet: Describe the community need for the project along with the impact the project will have on the community as a whole.					
	4)	Community support and/or opposition to the project: Describe the support and/or opposition the community has for the project. List community leadership (individuals, agencies, elected officials, organizations, etc.) that support and/or oppose the project. Also describe any public outreach that has taken place to ensure/gain community support for the project.					
	5)	Constituency served by the project: Describe the project's intended customers or beneficiaries and discuss the project's impact on those individuals or families. Please explain why the proposed project is the best possible solution for the beneficiaries.					
	6)	Partnerships created to enhance the project: Identify the partnerships, formal and informal, that were created as a result of the project concept and the role the partnerships have in the project?					
	7)	Project quality: Describe the elements of the project (can include services provided, materials used, organizational/financial support, etc.) that will help produce a high quality project for both the beneficiaries and the community.					
G	8)	Target area: Describe the project location and why this area was selected. The target area is the geographic location in which a potential housing project may take place. Depending on how urban or rural the surroundings, it might be as small as a neighborhood or as large as a county. Describe how you determined this was the appropriate area for your project.					
	l	Attach a scaled map that includes: the project area boundaries and					







	the specific OOR sites with a map key labeling the site addresses. If the project is in multiple counties, please submit a labeled county map for each county that includes the specific OOR sites with a map key labeling the site addresses. Attach in Tab G.	
	9) Effective use of resources: Describe the steps taken by your organization to ensure resources, both non-IHCDA and IHCDA funds, are being used effectively to positively impact beneficiaries and the community.	
	10) Unique features: Briefly describe the unique features of the project. Unique features should be a creative addition to the proposed OOR program. They should enhance the overall character of your project, improve the homeowners' and the community's quality of life, health, and safety. Unique features can be included in the financial structure of the project, involve members of the community, include items specific to the target area/project location or could include special services offered to the population served.	
	More information and supporting documentation will be required later in the application.	
	11) Services: Briefly describe any services that will be provided to beneficiaries that address the needs of the project's tenants.	
	More information and supporting documentation will be required later in the application.	
Leverag	e	
	Leverage Spreadsheet	
Н	Submit a completed Leverage Spreadsheet with all required support documents.	
	Commitment Letters	
Н	Provide originally signed Letters of Commitment for any match/leverage or other sources contributing to the project.	
Sources	and Uses	
I	List all sources of grants to the project that do not require repayment. Also, list the IHCDA award request amount made in this application.	
I	Attach letters of commitment from all other funders in Tab I.	
	List all sources of private or public cash donations to the project.	
I	Attach letters of commitment in Tab I.	
	List all in-kind contributions to the development phase of the housing activity, including construction, materials, volunteer labor, waived fees, portion of sale price below appraised value, etc.	
ı	Attach letters of commitment, appraisal, or purchase agreement in TAB I.	
Project	Characteristics – See <mark>Page X</mark> for more details.	







	Aging in Place: Narrative	
	Aging in Frace. Nationive	
	Submit a narrative explaining the specific proposed OOR improvements for	
	the AIP project and how these improvements will enhance accessibility,	
J	livability and visitability. Attach in Tab J.	
	Comprehensive Community Development: Narrative	
	Submit an explanation of how this project is part of a larger revitalization	
	effort should be explained in the Narrative and Need section of the	
	application.	
	Comprehensive Community Development OOR Projects: Evidence of a Plan	
	Submit ALL OF THE BELOW in Tab J as evidence that this project is part of a	
	comprehensive revitalization or development plan:	
	Copy of the entire plan;	
	 A short narrative about the efforts that lead to the creation of the 	
	plan and how the need for owner-occupied rehabilitation was	
	identified as an area need to be included in the plan;	
	A bulleted list that includes page numbers of where to find:	
	 References to the need for affordable owner-occupied rehabilitation in the project target area 	
	 An evaluation of current area conditions 	
J	 Public participation 	
	Comprehensive Community Development OOR projects: Target Area	
	Submit a scaled map that includes the project area boundaries and the	
	specific OOR sites with a map key labeling the site addresses. Clearly label the	
J	boundaries and indicate the size of the target area. Attach in Tab J.	
	Comprehensive Community Development OOR projects: Evidence of	
	Adoption	
	Submit a copy of the resolution by the Local Unit of Government adopting the	
,	plan in Tab J.	
	Comprehensive Community Development OOR projects: Local Support	
	Submit a letter from the highest elected local official certifying that the OOR	
_	project will assist in the revitalization of the specific neighborhood or area.	
J	Attach in Tab J.	
	Services:	
	Form A: Homeowner Investment Plan Matrix listing all services for	
	the entire proposed OOR program (found at the end of this	
	Application Package);	
	■ Form B: Homeowner Investment Plan Matrix for EACH service	
	provider with original signatures (found at the end of this Application	
	Package); A brief narrative explaining how these services will enhance the	
J	targeted population for the proposed OOR project.	
L		







Readiness					
	Client Intake				
	Applicant, sub-recipient, or administrator has already begun client intake. Client intake must include income verification. Beneficiaries that have not been appropriately income-verified per the HUD Part 5 definition should not be included in the list. List needs to include client name and information pertinent to the target population being served.				
K	Submit a copy of the Client Intake list in Tab K.				
	Contract Bidding				
K	Provide a copy of the advertised bid notice in Tab K.				
	Public Hearing				
	Two public hearings are required. One public hearing should occur prior to application.				
	Provide the ALL of the following in Tab K:				
K	 Original tear sheet or original publisher's affidavit of legal notice that includes the date of the public hearing and the date of notice publication. Under Indiana Code (I.C. 5-3-1-2 (B)) there must be a minimum of one legal notice at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the public hearing. Describe methods used to solicit participation of low and moderate-income persons. A copy of the sign-in sheet. A copy of the minutes of the public hearing, which must include the date and time of the meeting, the name and title of the person running the meeting and anyone who presented at the meeting, and all content posed to the public. Describe any comments/complaints received and responses to the comments/complaints. 				
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	Training Points will be awarded for a member of the applicant, sub-recipient or administrator staff who has participated in a housing or community development related training in the past 24 months.				
L	Attach copies of the training completion certificate(s) in Tab L.				
L	Certification Points will be awarded for a member of the applicant, sub-recipient or administrator staff who has completed the following certifications within the past three years.				







	Attach copies of the certification completion documentation in Tab L.			
Financi	Financing			
	Public Participation			
	Points will be awarded to applicants whose proposed project has received a firm commitment of other public funds.			
М	Submit a letter from the appropriate authorized official approving the funds. The letter must include (a) a description of the type of approved funding for the proposed project and (b) the amount of funding. Leveraging of Other Funding Sources			
	Points will be awarded to applicants whose proposed project has received a firm commitment of Other Leveraged Funding Sources.			
M	Submit a letter from the appropriate authorized official approving the funds. The letter must include (a) a description of the type of approved funding for the proposed project and (b) the amount of funding.			
Unique	Unique Features & Completeness Bonus			
	Unique Features			
	Points will be awarded to projects proposing Unique Features. Features receiving points in other sections of this application will not be considered for Unique Feature points.			
N	Submit a narrative summary in of the proposed unique features.			







Scoring

If an application meets all applicable requirements, it will be evaluated and scored based on:

Scoring Category	Points Possible
Project Characteristics	50
Readiness	15
Capacity	20
Financing	10
Unique Features	5
Completeness Bonus	5
Total Possible Points	105

No award shall be made to any applications that score below 80 points. When there is a scoring criteria based on the county being served and there are multiple counties, the applicant should add up the scores from each county and average them, rounding to the nearest whole number.

Project Characteristics Category Maximum Points Possible: 50

This scoring category describes the proposed OOR project. There are 50 total possible points for this scoring category. The points can be achieved through the following sub-categories: Constituency Served, Targeted Population, Comprehensive Community Development, and Services.

If the development commits to servings beneficiaries in IHCDA-assisted units with maximum incomes lower than required by the CDBG program and maintains housing costs at affordable rates, points will be awarded in accordance with the following chart. Percentages are of the area median income (AMI) for the county in which the development is to be located. Awarded recipients will be held to the unit commitment in their award agreement. Changes to the AMI levels will require prior IHCDA approval.

Constituency Served	Points
40% of Population served at or below 30% AMI	8

Target Population: Aging in Place	Points
100% of Population served 55 and Older and/or Disabled	20
0% - 50% of Population served 55 and Older and/or Disabled	10







Aging in Place (AIP) refers to making our living environment safe and adaptable so that everyone can remain independent and continue to thrive in their homes and community even as circumstances change. Therefore AIP not only refers to elderly persons but also to persons with physical and mental disabilities.

In order to receive points for AIP OOR projects must satisfy the following criteria:

- Households will qualify for the AIP target population if there is at least one elderly
 person living in the home or if there is at least one physically or mentally disabled
 person living in the home.
- The modifications made to the home with IHCDA OOR funding must be for accessibility, livability, and vistability.
 - Submit a narrative explaining the specific proposed OOR improvements for the AIP project and how these improvements will enhance accessibility, livability and visitability. Attach in Tab J.

Target Population: Families with Children	Points
100% of Population served is families with Children	15
0% - 50% of Population served is families with Children	10

Target Population: Other	Points
100% of Population served does not fall under the above categories.	10
0% - 50% of Population served does not fall under the above	5
categories.	

3) Comprehensive Community Development Maximum Number of Points: 10
Points will be awarded to applicants whose projects contribute to the revitalization of existing areas. Points will be awarded based on the chart below.

Comprehensive Community Development	Points
An explanation of how this project is part of a larger revitalization	1
effort.	
Evidence that this project is part of a comprehensive revitalization	5
or development plan.	
The OOR project is located in a targeted area.	1
Adoption of the plan by a Local Unit of Government.	2
A letter from the highest elected local official certifying that the	1
OOR project will assist in the revitalization of the specific	
neighborhood or area.	

OOR projects with a Comprehensive Community Development focus are a part of a broader, more comprehensive approach to area improvement. These projects have the capability of contributing to fundamental change to the character of a targeted area. Further explanation of the points categories are explained:







In order to receive points under the Comprehensive Community Development scoring subcategory, the applicant must submit the following:

- An explanation of how this project is part of a larger revitalization effort should be
 explained in the Narrative and Need section of the application. You should include
 information regarding target size, a plan, the efforts already completed or underway,
 local support for this and other projects in the revitalization efforts, funding
 commitments, what is the intended impact and how impact will be measured, etc.
- Evidence that this project is part of a comprehensive revitalization or development plan. Ideally this will be a comprehensive or revitalization plan for the town/city where the project is located. The plan must be no older than five years and should include: (a) a target area, (b) detailed policy goals, which must include the rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes, (c) implementation measures along with specific, current, and ongoing time frames for the achievement of such policies and housing activities, (d) an evaluation of current area conditions.
 - Submit the following in Tab J:
 - Copy of the entire plan;
 - A short narrative about the efforts that lead to the creation of the plan and how the need for owner-occupied rehabilitation was identified as an area need to be included in the plan;
 - A bulleted list that includes page numbers of where to find:
 - References to the need for affordable owner-occupied rehabilitation in the project target area
 - An evaluation of current area conditions
 - Public participation

The following will not be considered for points as eligible plans for this category: short-term work plans, consolidated plans, municipal zoning plans, or land use plans, plans that are older than five years old and plans that do not reflect the current target area conditions.

- Target Area Submit a scaled map that includes the project area boundaries and the specific OOR sites with a map key labeling the site addresses. Clearly label the boundaries and indicate the size of the target area. Attach in Tab J.
- Evidence of Adoption Submit a copy of the resolution by the Local Unit of government adopting the plan. Attach in Tab J.
- Local Support Submit a letter from the highest elected local official certifying that the OOR project will assist in the revitalization of the specific neighborhood or area. Attach in Tab J.
- Partnerships These funding commitments or major investments should not be received solely from the development of other IHCDA funded projects. Generally, the overall development plan should include municipal support, private investment and/or private sector commitments to the redevelopment area.
- 4) Services Maximum Number of Points: 12
 Points will be awarded to applicants whose projects contribute to the overall quality of life for the beneficiaries of the proposed OOR project. Points will be awarded based on the chart below.







Level of Services	Points Possible
Level 1 Services: Up to three services at one point each.	3
Level 2 Services: Up to three services at two points each.	6
Level 3 Services: Up to three services at four points each.	12

In order to receive points for this scoring category, the applicant must submit:

- Form A: Homeowner Investment Plan Matrix listing all services for the entire proposed OOR program (found at the end of this Application Package);
- Form B: Homeowner Investment Plan Matrix for EACH service provider with original signatures (found at the end of this Application Package);
- A brief narrative explaining how these services will enhance the targeted population for the proposed OOR project.

Readiness

Category Maximum Points Possible: 15

This category describes the applicant's ability to begin and timely execute an awarded project.

1) Client Intake

Maximum Number of Points: 10

Points will be awarded to applicants that have already begun the client intake process, according to the chart below. If the applicant, sub-recipient, or administrator has already begun client intake, submit a copy of the client intake list in Tab K.

% of Assisted Units	Points
25 - 50% of the units	6
51 - 75% of the units	8
76 - 100% of the units	10

2) Contract Bidding

Maximum Number of Points: 2

Points will be awarded to applicants that have advertised a notice for bids for prospective contractors to assist all units that will be served by the program. Provide a copy of the bid notice in Tab K.

3) Public Hearing

Maximum Number of Points: 3

Points will be awarded to an applicant who has held a public hearing. In order to receive points, the applicant must demonstrate that a public hearing was held with a minimum attendance of 10 people from the public. The applicant, sub-recipient, and administrator staff or board members will not be counted to meet the minimum attendance requirements.

In order to receive points in this category the applicant must provide in Tab K:

- Original tear sheet or original publisher's affidavit of legal notice that includes the date
 of the public hearing and the date of notice publication. Under Indiana Code (I.C. 5-3-1-2
 (B)) there must be a minimum of one legal notice at least ten (10) calendar days prior to
 the public hearing.
- Describe methods used to solicit participation of low and moderate-income persons.
- A copy of the sign-in sheet.







- A copy of the minutes of the public hearing, which must include the date and time of the meeting, the name and title of the person running the meeting and anyone who presented at the meeting, and all content posed to the public.
- Describe any comments/complaints received and responses to the comments/complaints.

Capacity

Category Maximum Points Possible: 25

This category evaluates the applicant's ability to successfully carry out the proposed OOR project based on trainings, certifications and/or experience in housing or community development.

1) Training Maximum Number of Points: 5
Points will be awarded for a member of the applicant, sub-recipient or administrator staff who has completed a housing or community development related training in the past 24 months.
Two points will be awarded for the first training and one point per additional training, up to five points possible. Attach copies of the training completion certificate in Tab L.

Training	Points
Housing or community development related training	2 for the first training, 1 point for each additional training up to 5 points

2) Certification

Maximum Number of Points:

10

Points will be awarded for a member of the applicant, sub-recipient or administrator staff who has completed the following certifications within the past three years. Five points awarded for the Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist certification. Two and a half points will be awarded for all other certifications, up to ten points. Attach copies of the certification completion in Tab L.

Certification	Points
	5 points for the Certified Aging-in-Place
Certification from one of the	Specialist certification,
certifications listed below	2.5 points for all other certifications, up
	to 10 points

Certification	Sponsoring Organization
Project Development Training	Indiana Association for Community and Economic Development (IACED)
Housing Development Finance Professional	National Development Council (NDC)
Community and Neighborhood Revitalization Certificate	NeighborWorks America
Bank of America Neighborhood Builder® Leadership Program	The Center for Leadership Innovation
Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist	National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)
CDBG Grant Administration Certification	Office of Community and Rural Affairs, State of Indiana







3) Experience

Maximum Number of Points:

Points will be awarded for a member of the applicant, sub-recipient or administrator staff with successful experience in administering an IHCDA OOR award in the past five years. In order to qualify for points, there cannot have been findings upon monitoring and the awards must be closed out. Please list the award numbers in the application forms.

Experience	Points
Applicant, sub-recipient or	
administrator staff member with	2 for the first staff member,
experience administering at least two	1 point for each additional staff
IHCDA OOR awards in the past five	member, up to 5 points
years with no findings upon monitoring.	

4) Previous Awards

Maximum Number of Points:

5

Points will be awarded to an applicant where the applicant, sub-recipient, AND administrator have not had any monitoring findings and who have expended award funds in a timely manner for all IHCDA awards in the past five years. Timely expenditure of funds includes lack of award extensions.

Financing

Category Maximum Points Possible: 10

1) Public Participation

Maximum Number of Points:

5

Points will be awarded to applicants whose proposed project has received a firm commitment of other public funds. A "firm commitment" means that the funding does not require any further approvals. "Public funds" include federal, state, or local government funds. This can include funds awarded from other federal or state agencies, the Federal Home Loan Bank, or waivers resulting in quantifiable cost savings that are not required by federal or state law.

Points will be awarded based on the Amount of Public Participation Funding/Total Project Costs:

% of Total Development Cost	Point(s)
.50% to .99%	1
1.00% to 1.99%	2
2.00% to 2.99%	3
3.00% to 3.99%	3.5
4.00% to 4.99%	4
Greater than 5.00%	5

In order to qualify for points in this category the applicant must submit in Tab M a letter from the appropriate authorized official approving the funds. The letter must include (a) a description of the type of approved funding for the proposed project and (b) the amount of funding.

2) Leveraging of Other Sources Maximum Number of Points: 5
Points will be awarded to applicants whose proposed project has received a firm commitment to leverage other funding sources. A "firm commitment" means that the funding does not require







any further approvals. "Other funding sources" include (but are not limited to) private funding, funds from a local community foundation, donations, etc.

Points will be awarded based on the amount of Other Funding Sources Leveraged/Total Project Costs:

% of Sources	Point(s)
11 - 15%	2
16 - 20%	4
21 - 30%	6
31 - 40%	8
41% or more	10

In order to qualify for points in this category the applicant must submit in Tab M a letter from the appropriate authorized official approving the funds. The letter must include (a) a description of the type of approved funding for the proposed project and (b) the amount of funding.

Unique Features & Bonus

Category Maximum Points Possible: 10

1) Unique Features

Maximum Number of Points:

Points will be awarded to applicants that offer unique features that contribute to each of the beneficiary units of the proposed OOR project. Unique features should be a creative addition to the proposed OOR program. They should enhance the overall character of the project, improve the homeowners' and the community's quality of life, health, and/or safety. Unique features can be included in the financial structure of the project, involve members of the community, include items specific to the target area/project location or could include special services offered to the population served.

Points are awarded relative to other projects being scored during each application cycle and are awarded in IHCDA's sole and absolute discretion. The following chart sets forth the anticipated percentage of applications that will receive points using a maximum of 5 points.

% of Applications	5%	8%	12%	16%	18%	16%	12%	8%	5%
Points	5	4.5	4	3.5	3	2.5	2	1.5	1

In order to receive points in this category, the applicant must submit in Tab N a narrative summary in of the proposed unique features. Features receiving points in other sections of this application will not be considered for Unique Feature points.













Glossary of Terms

Aging in Place: Making a living environment safe and adaptable so that everyone can remain independent and continue to thrive in their homes and community even as circumstances change.

Area Median Income:

Children: Children are defined as those persons ages 18 years of age or younger. The child must reside in the home that will benefit from the OOR program.

Disabled:

Elderly: A person 55 years of age or older. This target population category also includes families with a person living in their home that is 55 years of age or older and modifications to the home are needed so this person may age in place in the home benefitting from the OOR program with the family.







Form A: Homeowner Investment Plan Matrix

Service Provider/Agent/Organization					
Name:					
Street Address:					
City:			County:		
Place a "X" next to the targeted population					
Persons with physical or development disabilities			Persons with mental impairments		
Households with children			The elderly		
Other			Households with elderly, persons with physical/development disabilities or persons with mental impairments		

	LEVEL 1 SERVICES = 1 Point per Service (up to 3 services for points = total 3 points possible)					
	Tenan	t Investment Plan	Services & Descr	iption		
Service Brief Location of Distance from General Description of Service Project Area Service				Points		
	Food Pantry Referral					
	Clothing Pantry Referral					
	2-1-1/ Information &					
	Referral					
	Smoking Cessation					
	Discount Program					
	Coupons to Local Public/					
	Private Facilities					

	LEVEL 2 SERVICES = 2 Points per Service (up to 3 services for points = total 6 points possible) Tenant Investment Plan Services & Description					
				Points		
	Computer Training					
	Nutrition Classes/ Food					
	Preparation					
	Exercise Classes					
	Resume Building					
	GED/ Adult Education					
	Tax Preparation Assistance					
	Blood Pressure Screening					
	Medicaid Waivers					
	Stress Management					









Symptom Management		

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	Investment Plan Se			
Service	Brief Description of Service	Location of Service	Distance from General Project Area	Points
Transportation				
Parenting Classes/ Early				
Childhood Development				
Legal Planning				
Emergency Response System				
Financial Literacy				
Housekeeping				
Animal Therapy				
Physical Therapy				
Medication Delivery				
Home Healthcare				
Employment Services/				
Vocational Rehab				
Meals on Wheels				
Assisted Living				
Alzheimer's Care				
Adult Daycare/ Eldercare				
Substance Abuse Treatment				
Family Caregiver Support Program				







Form B: Homeowner Investment Plan Service Agreement

HOMEOWNER INVESTMENT SERVICE AGREEMENT

This agreement between (Applicant and Administrator (if applicable)),, and (Service
Provider/Agent/Organization), is to confirm the activities and/or incentives offered to residents o
(project name) The Applicant/Administrator agrees that in partnering with the Service
Provider/Agent/Organization, the project should offer programs that are tailored to the needs of the
targeted homeowners and encourage homeowners to invest in the overall well-being,
neighborhood/community, and/or environment.
It is agreed by all signing parties that the Homeowner Investment Plan adds no extra cost to the
homeowner. It is understood; that some classes/activities offered might require a maintenance fee.
This fee must remain minimal. Homeowner Investment Plan Services may target specific homeowners c the project but must be optional.
The Applicant/Administrator also agree to fill out Form A, and attach the form to this agreement, listing
the services that will be offered to the homeowners, a brief description of the service, where the service
is being offered, the distance from the general project area, and the level of the service.
This agreement and the services listed on Form A shall remain in effect for the life of the Restrictive
Covenant Term. The Applicant/Administrator will be responsible for maintaining all services for the life
of the restrictive covenant term (even if the Applicant/Administrator is required to find a different
provider who will provide the same or comparable services to benefit the residents)
Applicant Authorized Signatory
Printed Name Date
Administrator Agent
Printed Name Date
Service Provider/Agent/Organization
Printed Name Date

